

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A jack assembly for supporting a brake assembly, the jack assembly comprising:

a base;

a selectively extensible member extending from the base; and

5 | a support ~~member~~ member, secured to the extensible member, for supporting the brake assembly without the use of fasteners while the brake assembly is disengaged from an associated vehicle.

2. (Currently Amended) The jack assembly of claim 1, further including:
| means for securing the support member to ~~an associated~~ the brake assembly.

3. (Currently Amended) The jack assembly of claim 2, wherein the securing means includes a plurality of arms arranged for cradling the brake assembly ~~first and second arms having threaded ends for securing the arms to the associated brake assembly.~~

4. (Currently Amended) The jack assembly of claim 3, wherein the securing means includes four arms. [[:]]

~~the securing means includes third and fourth arms; and~~

~~the first, second, third, and fourth arms are in spaced relation.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The jack assembly of claim 1, wherein the support member includes a plurality of arms dimensioned for support of the ~~associated~~ brake assembly.

6. (Original) The jack assembly of claim 1, wherein the support member is mounted to the extensible member for selective pivotal movement relative thereto.

7. (Original) The jack assembly of claim 1, wherein the base includes rollers allowing the assembly to be transported across a floor surface.

8. (Original) The jack assembly of claim 1, wherein the extensible member is rotatable for selective movement about a vertical axis relative to the base.

9. (Original) The jack assembly of claim 1, wherein the extensible member is a fluid cylinder.

10. (Original) The jack assembly of claim 9, wherein the fluid cylinder is pneumatic.

11. – 19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A tool for loading/unloading a brake assembly from a vehicle, comprising:

a selectively extensible member extending from a base; and

5 | a plurality of arms for supporting the brake assembly, without the use of
fasteners, while the brake assembly is disengaged from an associated vehicle housing.

21. (Currently Amended) The tool for loading/unloading a brake assembly as set forth in claim 20, wherein at least one of arms is the arms are arranged to contact
a bottom portion of the brake assembly-be in alignment with openings in the brake
assembly, the brake assembly being loaded onto the vehicle and unloaded from the
5 | vehicle via the openings.

22. (Currently Amended) The tool for loading/unloading a brake assembly as set forth in claim 21, wherein the arms are arranged for cradling the brake assembly.
[[further comprising:]]

~~fasteners for securing the brake assembly on the arms.~~

23. (Original) The tool for loading/unloading a brake assembly as set forth in claim 20, further comprising:

a base secured to the extensible member.

24. (Original) The tool for loading/unloading a brake assembly as set forth in claim 23, further comprising:

means for moving the base.

25. (Original) The tool for loading/unloading a brake assembly as set forth in claim 24, wherein the means for moving the base includes wheels.

26. (Original) The tool for loading/unloading a brake assembly as set forth in claim 21, further comprising:

a boom for rotating the support member about a vertical axis defined by the extensible member.

27. (New) A tool for loading/unloading a brake housing from an associated vehicle, the tool comprising:

a selectively extensible member extending from a base; and

a plurality of arms for cradling the brake housing, without passing through the
5 brake housing, while the brake housing is disengaged from an associated vehicle.

28. (New) The tool for loading/unloading a brake housing from an associated vehicle as set forth in claim 27, wherein the arms are spaced relative to each other for supporting the brake housing.

29. (New) The tool for loading/unloading a brake housing from an associated vehicle as set forth in claim 27, wherein at least one of the arms is positioned beneath the brake housing.